

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE RURAL DISTRICT OF THORNEY,

In the Administrative County of the Isle of Ely.

Presented to a Meeting of the Council held on Saturday,
the 4th day of February, 1899.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you my Report on the health of the Thorney Rural District during the year 1898.

The births numbered 35, and the deaths 12, thus giving on an estimated population of 1,900, a birth rate of 18·42, and a death rate of 6·31 per 1,000 living.

The ages at which death occurred are as follows:—

Under one year	4
„ 20 years	1
Between 20 and 40 years	2
„ 40 „ 70 „	3
Over 70 years	2
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The mild weather during the winter months of 1898 was no doubt the chief cause of the low death rate throughout England, and Thorney has proved no exception to the rule.

No death took place from any disease notified under the Act.

One case of Scarlet Fever, evidently brought from outside the town, which spread to three other members of the family, and two slight cases of Erysypelas, were the only ones notified to me during the year. I inspected the premises, and found everything satisfactory.

It would, I think, be well if the Council would see their way to getting a water supply less likely to be contaminated than the present one from the River Nene. The water for drinking purposes should always be filtered and boiled.

I have the honour, Gentlemen, to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE SPEKE PAYNE, M.R.C.S. and L.S.A.,

Medical Officer of Health.

Peterborough,

4th February, 1899.

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